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Applicant:	Glen S. Axelrod	Examiner:	Kimberly S. Smith
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## AMENDMENT F AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2009 and includes a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. As this response is being submitted within the three-month shortened statutory period for reply, no extension of time is believed necessary. Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. Authorization for payment of the RCE fee (\$810.00) is being filed via EFS. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Re-examination and reconsideration is requested.